



BUNCOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



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DONATIONS, FUND-RAISING BRING BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks to the proceeds from Buncom Day and the generous donation of a Society member, more repair and restoration work has been completed on Buncom's buildings.

The most dramatic change is in the Post Office. Thanks to active Society member and supporter Walter Brucker, the temporary windows have been replaced with faithful replicas of the originals. The result is a marked change in the building's appearance. If you haven't gone by, or slowed down to take a look, you should.

Not obvious, but just as vital, are the repairs that were made to the Cookhouse after Buncom Day. During the setup for the event, we discovered that the support beams along the back wall of the building were in real danger of collapsing, so our proceeds from Buncom Day went to replace them. At the same time, the siding on that wall was redone, using the same boards.

The next scheduled project is antiquing the Post Office doors. They're old, but because we had to have the original paint removed, they don't match the color of the rest of the building. If someone would like to volunteer to undertake the task, please call Reeve Hennion at 899-7656.

With that accomplished, it will be time to move on to the Bunkhouse and Cookhouse for cosmetic repairs that will make them more secure and restore their original look.

**Save this date: Sunday, March 24.
Tentative date for a Society membership
meeting. Details in the next newsletter.**

IT'S TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP

It's time to renew your membership for 1996. The dues remain the same, \$5.00 per family. New members are welcome, and please don't forget Buncom memberships when you're thinking about Christmas gifts. Use the form attached.

Memberships include a certificate suitable for framing -- there will be a new design for 1996 -- and a subscription to this quarterly newsletter.

BRISK BOOK SALES TURN A PROFIT

"Buncom: Crossroads Station" is in the black! Thanks to wonderful support from all of you in the Society, and strong bookstore sales, we have covered the cost of printing. As of this writing, our profit is about \$150. We still have a couple hundred books to sell, so the entire proceeds will go to preservation of the buildings and their history.

The book is a 208-page, professionally printed book about our town and the Little Applegate Valley. The cover is a full-color photograph of the buildings. The book has received praise from readers and reviewers alike.

THE CENTENNIAL IS GETTING CLOSER!

Saturday, May 25, isn't that far off, and things are already underway to make the Buncom Day Post Office Centennial celebration a fun event for all. At their last meeting, the Society's Board of Directors had a look at the tentative design for the special postal cancellation to be used when Jacksonville Postmaster Nick Moon opens the Post Office for business for the day.

Valley of the Rogue Bank has generously agreed to be there with their stagecoach and driver. It will be available for rides, and will carry the mail from the Post Office at the end of the day.

Carolyn Roberts and Connie Fowler once again are heading up the Buncom Day Committee. Let them know if you're interested in helping.

AWARENESS OF BUNCOM IS SPREADING

Stories and articles on Buncom are increasing, and the Society has become well established as representative of an important part of Southern Oregon's heritage.

The Medford Mail-Tribune carried a feature article on our group and the book in August. Reproductions are attached for those who haven't seen it. And the latest edition of Oregon Heritage, the magazine published by the Southern Oregon Historical Society (SOHS), carries a two-page article about Buncom, written by Kay Atwood.

Recently, "Buncom: Crossroads Station" authors Connie Fowler and J.B. Roberts were among those featured at the annual Authors Party hosted by SOHS. And Roberts and Society President Reeve Hennion have been working with SOHS and

other local historical societies to make sure that the strong tradition of public support for history in our area continues.

THINK ABOUT BUNCOM FOR CHRISTMAS

When it comes time to think about Christmas gifts, what could be more appropriate than "Buncom: Crossroads Station" for all those friends and relatives who aren't fortunate enough to live in the Little Applegate? We have t-shirts and mugs, too. Contact Reeve and Lyn Hennion (899-7656) or send in the attached order form. We'll get the items shipped to you immediately.

BUNCOM'S ON THE INTERNET!

If you're into Cyberspace and Surfin' the Web, take a look at Buncom's new home page at <http://www.mind.net/buncom/>. We're the first Ghost Town on the Internet!

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Yes, please start/renew my/our membership for 1996.
Enclosed is the \$5.00 tax-deductible dues.

Membership includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter and a certificate suitable for framing. The certificate this year will make special note of the 1996 Buncom Centennial.

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